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SUBJ: ECE WESTERN CAUCUS - POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE
ENVIRONMENT

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1. ECE WESTERN CAUCUS MET 23 JUNE 1977 TO DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP
TO ECE 32ND SESSION DECISION RE POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING
ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN LIGHT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S
LETTER OF 9 MAY 1977 AND HIS STATEMENT AT INFORMAL LUNCHEON
MEETING 26 MAY 1977.

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2. US REP READ LETTER AND MADE POINT OF CLARIFICATION
TRANSMITTED REFTEL A. ONLY DIRECT COMMENT ON LETTER WAS
STATEMENT BY UK REP THAT US REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION ON
EACH OF PROPOSED TOPICS WELL IN ADVANCE OF SEPTEMBER MEETING
WAS "REASONABLE". HOWEVER, DISCUSSION REVEALED GENERAL
SUPPORT FOR US VIEWS.

3. AUSTRIA, CANADA, NORWAY, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD REPLY TO STANOVNIK, HOPEFULLY BY JUNE 30. ALL MENTIONED TRANS-BOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION AS TOPIC MOST SUITABLE FOR CONSIDERATION AT HIGH-LEVEL MEETING. AUSTRIA ALSO LISTED HARMONIZATION OF REGULATIONS RE TOXIC CHEMICALS AND COORDINATION OF EFFORTS FOR PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT, WHILE SWITZERLAND ADDED CONTROL OF TOXIC WASTE, LAND USE PLANNING, STATISTICS ON POLLUTION, ELIMINATION OF RADIO-ACTIVE WASTE, AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL AND ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE.

4. UK, SPEAKING FOR EC-9, ANNOUNCED THAT EC WOULD ALSO REPLY TO STANOVNIK LETTER, ALTHOUGH NOT BEFORE FIRST HALF OF JULY. CONTENTS OF EC LETTER ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. FINLAND SAID IT HAD NOT DECIDED WHETHER FURTHER REPLY WAS NECESSARY, AS IT HAD LISTED FOUR POSSIBLE TOPICS IN ITS LETTER OF 18 MARCH 1977 (GENEVA 2088).

5. SEVERAL REPS, IN ADDITION TO US, STRESSED THAT TOPICS MUST MEET CRITERIA SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION 1 (XXXII). SEVERAL EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SETTING UP OF TASK FORCES TO CONSIDER PROPOSED TOPICS IN AFTERMATH OF SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, AND EVEN UK/EC AGREED THAT THIS SEEMED LIKE ONLY BUSINESS-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIKE WAY TO HANDLE PROBLEM. UK/EC ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT TASK FORCES SHOULD BE OPEN TO SKEPTICS AS WELL AS ADVOCATES. CANADA AND NORWAY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ANALYSIS OF TOPICS SHOULD BEGIN AT SEPTEMBER MEETING (I.E., PRIOR TO ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCES).

6. ONLY SIGNIFICANT DISAGREEMENT EMERGED OVER WHETHER SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SENIOR ADVISERS SHOULD CONSIDER MODALITIES FOR ORGANIZATION OF POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING. WHILE NORWAY HOPED MEETING WOULD REACH PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER, UK/EC POINTED OUT THAT STANOVNIK HAD ERRED IN STATING IN HIS LETTER OF 9 MAY 1977 THAT ONE OF OBJECTS OF MEETING WAS TO ASSIST HIM IN PREPARING REPORT TO ECE 33RD SESSION ON PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES RELATED TO HIGH-LEVEL MEETING. UK/EC NOTED THAT RESOLUTION 1 (XXXII) DID NOT REQUEST STANOVNIK TO CONSULT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS REPORT ON MODALITIES OF ORGANIZING A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING AND ON PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES RELATED THERETO. (GOVERNMENTS WERE TO ASSIST ONLY IN ANALYSIS OF TOPICS.)

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7. COMMENT: STANOVNIK APPEARS TO HAVE HONESTLY ERRED
IN SUGGESTING THAT SEPTEMBER MEETING CONSIDER MODALITIES
ETC. WHEN ERROR WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM AND MEMBERS OF
HIS STAFF BY UK, US AND OTHERS, THEY SEEMED GENUINELY
SURPRISED BUT FELT IT UNWISE TO ISSUE CORRECTION.
WHETHER DRAFTER OF LETTER WAS UNAWARE OF CONTRADICTION
IS NOT CLEAR. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT RESOLUTION 1
(XXXII) DOES NOT CALL FOR SUCH ACTION AND THAT UK WILL
OBJECT IF ISSUE ARISES. END COMMENT.

8. IN ONLY OTHER POINT OF DISAGREEMENT, UK/EC QUESTIONED
FINNISH SUGGESTION THAT CSCE MODEL (FOUR-PHASE CON-
FERENCE) WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ANY HIGH-LEVEL
MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT. UK POINTED OUT THAT ANY SUCH
MEETING WAS TO BE FULLY WITHIN ECE AND THAT CSCE TYPE
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PROCEDURE MIGHT TAKE TOO LONG TO CONFORM WITH RESOLUTION 1(XXXII).

9. WITH RESPECT TO STANOVNIK SUGGESTION AT 26 MAY 1977 LUNCHEON MEETING THAT SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SENIOR ADVISERS CONSTITUTE "APPROPRIATE AD HOC MACHINERY" CALLED FOR IN DECISION C(XXXII) ON SPECIAL ATTENTION BY ECE TO PROBLEM OF TRANS-BOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION, NORWAY AND SWEDEN PROPOSED THAT THIS MATTER BE SEPARATE ITEM ON SEPTEMBER MEETING'S AGENDA.

10. IN VIEW OF ABSENCE OF CRITICAL COMMENT ON US LETTER, MISSION PLANS TO DELIVER TEXT TO STANOVNIK ASAP UPON HIS RETURN TO GENEVA 27 JUNE 1977.SORENSEN

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